



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2699

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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HIROMUNE SUETSUGU ET AL.) Group Art Unit: 2663
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Application No.: 09/993,574) Examiner: Derrick W. FERRIS
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Filed: November 27, 2001)
) Confirmation No.: 7435
For: RING INTERCONNECTION)
NETWORK SYSTEM, NODE)
EQUIPMENT, NETWORK)
MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT,)
AND PATH SETTING METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

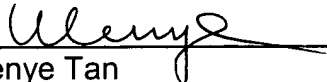
In a restriction requirement mailed September 28, 2005, the period for response to which extends through October 28, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1-18 and 31-37 (Group I) and claims 19-30 (Group II). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-18 and 31-37, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to fault recovery in a ring system and more specifically a relationship between a first self-healing function and a second self-healing function, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 28, 2005

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